SUBJECTS.

Dewan.—I shall have a talk about this with the President of the Committee.

The extreme desirability of the Government establishing or encouraging the establishment of Village Boards and Panchayats for training the people in self-government and for checking the undesirable increase of litigation in the State.

Mr. W. J. Chacko, B. A., B. L. (Member, Nominated) said that, since submitting his memorandum of subjects, he had learnt that orders had been issued for drafting a Bill relating to the establishment of Village Panchayats. He had to express his thankfulness for the same. He then spoke of the desirability of training the people in the management of their local affairs, with a view to leave such matters ultimately in their hands. The Government would be thus relieved of their burden to a great extent, in many matters relating to the local wants and needs of the people. He spoke also of the drawbacks and failures that attended local Boards when the people were not sufficiently developed; and he suggested the introduction of such Boards, at first as an experimental measure in particular villages and taluks where there were qualified people for managing them, and the extension of the same throughout the State in due course.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Establishment of Taluk Boards and their introduction as an experimental measure in taluks which have got T. I. Committees, their management being vested in the Committees.

Mr. Gopala Pye (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) represented that as the people, who were mostly agriculturists, could not obtain speedy redress of their grievances from the Government, the establishment of Taluk Boards would to a great extent minimize their difficulties. The Member learnt that the establishment of Village Panchayats was in contemplation, and as such, all that he prayed for was that the Panchayats may be invested with the duties of the Taluk Boards.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-20 P. M.

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